



Elections and Campaign Finance

Interaction between the public and its elected representatives is governed by a complex, and increasingly interrelated, web of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and rules. Our lawyers have extensive experience with every aspect of the law applicable to political activities, including federal, state, and local campaign finance and election laws and regulations, lobbying disclosure requirements, and ethics rules.

We advise corporations, trade associations, non-profit organizations, candidates, political action committees, ballot issue committees, and individuals on compliance with these laws and regulations. We regularly advise clients on the formation, organization, operation, and financing of campaigns, ballot issues, and political action committees. We also advise clients on the formation and operation of ancillary tax-exempt organizations, including 527 committees, and the rules that govern their role in the political process. Lastly, we have extensive experience in successfully defending clients in campaign finance administrative enforcement actions before both the Federal Election Commission and state campaign regulatory agencies. Our lawyers have experience in defending parties in federal court against Federal Election Commission enforcement actions brought after administrative proceedings have been exhausted. In addition, our lawyers are knowledgeable about bringing suit in federal court to challenge adverse Federal Election Commission rulemakings or advisory opinions.

Our lawyers also advise clients on the laws that govern the electoral process itself, including the Voting Rights Act and the Help America Vote Act, and interact with both the Department of Justice and the United States Election Assistance Commission on the issues governed by these two statutes.

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